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## Amendment to the Claims

1. (Original) An organic electroluminescent device comprising:

a transparent electrode,

a counter electrode arranged opposite to the transparent electrode,

one or more intermediate conductive layers and one or more organic emitting layers arranged between the transparent electrode and the counter electrode,

wherein the difference between  $n_a$  and  $n_b$  is 0.2 or less when  $n_a$  is the refractive index of an intermediate conductive layer and  $n_b$  is the refractive index of an organic emitting layer.

2. (Original) An organic electroluminescent device comprising:

a transparent electrode,

a counter electrode arranged opposite to the transparent electrode,

one or more intermediate conductive layers and a plurality of organic emitting layers sandwiching an intermediate conductive layer therebetween, the intermediate conductive layers and the organic emitting layers arranged between the transparent electrode and the counter electrode,

wherein the difference between  $n_a$ , and  $n_b$  and/or  $n_c$  is 0.2 or less when  $n_a$  is the refractive index of an intermediate conductive layer,  $n_b$  is the refractive index of a first organic emitting layer and  $n_c$  is the refractive index of a second organic emitting layer, the intermediate conductive layer sandwiched between the first and second organic emitting layers.

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3. (Currently Amended) The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 1 of

2, wherein the intermediate conductive layer, the refractive index of which is n<sub>a</sub>, is a

laminate comprising a layer having a higher refractive index than n<sub>b</sub> and/or n<sub>c</sub> and a layer

having a lower refractive index than n<sub>b</sub> and/or n<sub>c</sub>.

4. (Currently Amended) The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 1 or

2, wherein the intermediate conductive layer, the refractive index of which is n<sub>a</sub>, is a layer

comprising a mixture of a material having a higher refractive index than n<sub>b</sub> and/or n<sub>c</sub> and a

material having a lower refractive index than n<sub>b</sub> and/or n<sub>c</sub>.

5. (Currently Amended) The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 1 or

2, wherein the intermediate conductive layer, the refractive index of which is na, comprises a

material having a low refractive index and a transparent conductive material selected from

oxides, nitrides, iodides and borides of metals.

6. (Original) The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 5, wherein

the material having a low refractive index is a metal halide, and the transparent conductive

material is a conductive metal oxide.

7. (Currently Amended) The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 1 or

2, wherein the absorption coefficient (unit:  $1/\mu m$ ) of the intermediate conductive layer, the

refractive index of which is n<sub>a</sub>, is 2.5 or less.

8. (Currently Amended) A display comprising the organic electroluminescent device of

claim 1 or 2.